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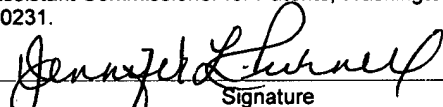
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For: ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTING
FUEL CELL COMPONENT WITH
DIRECTLY BONDED LAYERS AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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Sir:

Enclosed is a 56-page patent specification (including title page, 4 pages of claims, and a 1-page abstract) and 26 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-26) for the above-entitled invention of A. John Appleby and Sergei Gamburzev. This application claims the benefit of provisional application Serial Nos. 60/181,893, and 60/181,894, filed February 11, 2000.

Please note that this application is filed without a Declaration or filing fee. Pursuant to CFR § 1.53(b) and (d), applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date of February 8, 2001, the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service via Express Mail. Further, applicants request that the notice of missing parts pursuant to § 1.53(d) be sent to the undersigned assignee's representative.

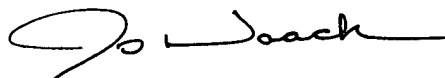
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